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1. SUMMARY. ECONOMIC COMITE HAS BEEN CONSIDERING OMNIBUT DRAFT RES E/ AC.6/ L.496/ REV.1 (FULL TEXT BELOW) PLUS ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS. PART C OF DRAFT RES CONCERNS PROPOSAL TO HOLD INTERNATIONAL WATER CONFERENCE IN ARGENTINA IN 1977. PART C HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED FROM USUN POINT OF VIEW. US DEL HAS STATED RESERVATIONS RE NEED FOR HOLDING SUCH A CONFERENCE PLUS OBJECTIONS TO PART B PROPOSED STUDY WHICH TOO GREAT AN UNDERTAKING FOR 2 - YEAR PERIOD ALLOWED FOR COMPLETION THIS STUDY. NOW APPEARS COMITE READY ACCEPT WHOLE DRAFT RES BY CONSENSUS. ARGENTINA HAS SPOKEN TO ZAGORIN EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE THIS CONFERENCE FOR THEM ESPECIALLY FOR NEW GOVERNMENT. IN VIEW SECRETARY ROGERS UPCOMING VISIT ARGENTINA PLUS PROBABLE CONSENSUS ACCEPTANCE DRAFT RES BY OTHER DELS, REQUEST PERMISSION GO ALONG
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WITH IMPROVED PART C AND ACCEPT WHOLE DRAFT BY CONSENSUS WITH APPROPRIATE EXPLANATION OF VOTE. END SUMMARY.

2. US HAS ALREADY MADE POINTS IN PARA 8 REFTEL. PART C OF

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ORIGINAL VERSION DRAFT RES (MIXFAXED GREEN IO/ CMD)
ALREADY IMPROVED SOMEWHAT IN REV.1 PARA 4(B). FOLLOWING
ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO PART C, SUGGESTED BY BRAZIL WITH
US BACKING FOR SUBPARAS A AND B, ACCEPTED BY COSPONSORS:

1. OP PARA 2 NOW READS, " DECIDES THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE
SHOULD BE CONVENED DURING THE YEAR 1977 IN SUCH A MANNER
AS TO ENABLE THE CONFERENCE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT:

" A. THE RESULTS OF THE VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS
DEALING WITH DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF WATER RESOURCES DEVELOP-
MENTALREADY SCHEDULED, SUCH AS THE IRRIGATION CONGRESS,
THE CONFERENCE ON LONG- TERM PROGRAMME OF INTERNATIONAL
CO- OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HYDROLOGY AND THE WORLD
METEROLOGICAL CONGRESS;

" B. PREFERABLY ALSO IF POSSIBLE THE RESULTS, WHENEVER
APPROPRIATE, OF THE UN CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN ENVIRONMENT."

2. NEW OP PARA 3 TO READ, " REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL TO CONSULT MEMBER STATES ON WAYS AND MEANS THEY
DEEM APPROPRIATE TO CONDUCT THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE,
INCLUDING INTERGOVERNMENTAL PARTICIPATION IN SUCH
PREPARATIONS, AND TO REPORT THEREON TO THE COUNCIL
AT ITS FIFTY- SIXTH SESSION;".

3. USUN FEELS PART C GREATLY IMPROVED WITH ABOVE
CHANGES WHICH SHOULD HAVE EFFECT OF STREAMLINING HEAVY AGENDA
IN E/ C.7/ 31 WHICH WE HAVE STRONGLY CRITICIZED (REFTEL
PARA 8). 1977 WATER CONFERENCE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO
ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT. JUDGING FROM DEBATE AND
TALKS WITH OTHER DELS, THERE IS OVERWHELMING MAJORITY
SUPPORT FOR CONFERENCE LEADING USUN FEEL MOVE FOR CONSENSUS
ADOPTION L.496/ REV.1 WITH AMENDMENTS PROBABLY WILL PASS
IF WE CAN GO ALONG. FEEL NO NEED BLOCK CONSENSUS ACCEPTANCE
IN VIEW OVERWHELMING SUPPORT, NOTABLE IMPROVEMENTS IN
PART C, AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST SECRETARY ROGERS' UPCOMING
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TRIP TO ARGENTINA. CONSIDERING ALL FACTORS, BELIEVE
POLITICAL POINTS TO BE GAINED BY ACCEPTING CONSENSUS
OUTWEIGH REASONS FOR BLOCKING. US DEL WILL STILL REITERATE
NEED TO GIVE CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO STREAMLINING
OF AGENDA AS PREPARATIONS FOR CONFERENCE PROCEED. WILL
ALSO RESTATE POSITION RE IMPOSSIBILITY PERFORMING PART
B(A) AND (B) STUDY IN TWO- YEAR PERIOD.

ASSUME PER LOFTIN/ GREEN/ FORMAN TELECON THERE NO OTHER
PARTS OMNIBUT DRAFT RES WITH WHICH WE HAVE MAJOR RESERVATIONS.
NOTE THAT PART F OP PARA 2 HAS BEEN AMENDED FROM ORIGINAL
VERSION (MIX- FAXED GREEN) TO READ " 57 TH SESSION."

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THIS A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT WHICH USUN SUPPORTED BECAUSE ORIGINAL "55 TH SESSION" LANGUAGE WAS UNREALISTIC TIMING.

4. REQUEST ANSWER ASAP. THERE A CHANCE ITEM WILL BE DEALT WITH LATE IN MAY 11 P. M. MEETING AND CERTAINLY DURING MAY 12 A. M. MEETING.

5. TEXT L.496/ REV.1 AS FOLLOWS:

NATURAL RESOURCES

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

ARGENTINA, HAITI, JAPAN, KENYA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, NETHERLANDS, THE PHILIPPINES AND UGANDA: REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION

A

CO- ORDINATION OF PROGRAMMES

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT DELIVERATIONS OF COMITE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AT ITS THIRD SESSION AND THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND CO- ORDINATION AT ITS THIRTEENTH SESSION (E/5273, PARAS. 42-49) ON SUBJECT,

BEARING IN MIND ITS RESPONSIBILITY, UNDER ART. 63 OF THE CHARTER, FOR CO- ORDINATING THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIALIZED

AGENCIES, WHICH INCLUDES ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

ENDORSES THE CONCLUSIONS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 34 OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES ON ITS THIRD SESSION AND IN PARTICULAR:

(A) CONSIDERS IT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL IN CO- OPERATION, AS APPROPRIATE, WITH THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO- ORDINATION, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN-DUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, THE SECRETARY- GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AND THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS AND UNESOB TO WORK OUT AN APPROPRIATE AND PRACTICABLE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM ON THE ACTIVITIES ON NATURAL RESOURCES, WHERE SUCH A DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY HAS NOT YET BEEN OBTAINED;

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(B) DRAWS THE SPECIAL ATTENTION OF THE RELEVANT INTERGOVERN-
MENTAL BODIES OF THE VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM TO THE CONCLUSIONS ON INTERAGENCY CO-
ORDINATION REACHED BY THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES,
AND REQUESTS THESE BODIES TO REPORT TO THE COUNCIL
ON THEIR VIEWPOINTS REGARDING THESE MATTERS;

(C) REQUESTS THE SECRETARY- GENERAL, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MEMBER STATES AT THE THIRD SESSION
OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, AND AT THE FIFTY-
FOURTH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AND THE
RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THESE BODIES, TO DRAW UP ONCE IN
EVERY TWO YEARS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMITTEE ON CO- ORDINATION, A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF
ACTION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, WITH
SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE NEEDS AND INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
PRIORITIES, ENCOMPASSING THE CO- ORDINATED WORK PROGRAMMES
OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS BELONGING TO THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM
AND GIVING FOR EACH PROGRAMME AN ESTIMATE OF ITS BUDGETARY
CONSEQUENCES;
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(D) REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON CO- ORDINATION
TO RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL WAYS OF STRENGTHENING EXISTING
ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING
ADVICE UPON REQUEST ON INTEGRATED WATER USE PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT, IN PARTICULAR ADVICE ON BROADER WATER USE
IMPLICATIONS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALTERNATIVE OR ADDITIONAL
USES OF WATER;

(E) FURTHER EQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON
CO- ORDINATION TO REPORT FULLY IN ITS 1974 ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE COUNCIL ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN CARRYING OUT THE
TASKS MENTIONED ABOVE AND IN THE CITED PARAGRAPH 34.
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PROJECTIONS OF NATURAL RSOURCES RESERVES, SUPPLY AND DEMAND

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RELEVANT DISCUSSION IN THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AT ITS THIRD SESSION, CONTAINED IN SECTION III OF ITS REPORT, AS WELL AS THE VIEWS EXPRESSED AT THE FIFTY- FOURTH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

TAKING NOTE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY MEMBER STATES CONTAINED IN ANNEX II OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AT ITS THIRD SESSION,

RECOGNIZING THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF PROJECTIONS FOR THE PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT,

WELCOMING THE PREOCCUPATION OF THE COMMITTEE WITH NATURAL
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RESOURCES PROJECTIONS AND THE VIEW THAT THIS SUBJECT SHOULD BE A REGULAR ITEM ON THE AGENDA OF THE COMMITTEE,

REQUESTS THE SECRETARY- GENERAL:

(A) TO PREPARE A REPORT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, ON THE ACTIVITIES OF ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS, INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM, WHICH UNDERTAKE MEDIUM- AND LONG- TERM PROJECTIONS ON THE SUPPLY OF AND DEMAND FOR ENERGY, MINERAL AND WATER RESOURCES, INDICATING THE METHODOLOGIES USED BY EACH OF THEM AND THE CONCEPTS AND DEFINITIONS OF THE VARIABLES USED AND TO SUBMIT THE REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AT ITS FOURTH SESSION IN GOOD TIME FOR THE COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SECRETARY- GENERAL THROUGH THE COUNCIL ON THE ACCEPTABLE METHODS TO BE STANDARDIZED TO CARRY OUT SUCH PROJECTS ON AN INTERNATIONALLY COMPARABLE BASIS;

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(B) TO SUBMIT TO THE COMMITTEE ON A REGULAR TWO- YEAR BASIS STUDIES ON MEDIUM- AND LONG- TERM PROJECTIONS, BASED ON AVAILABLE DATA, ON THE SUPPLY OF AND DEMAND OF ENERGY, MINERAL AND WATER RESOURCES ON A GOLBAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL BASIS;

(C) TO TAKE NECESSARY MEASURES, WITHIN THE BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS, TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN THE EXISTING UNITED NATIONS SERVICES FOR THE ANALYSIS, EVALUATION AND DISSEM- INATION OF WORLD- WIDE DATA ON NATURAL REOURCES.

C

UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS 15 72 D (L) OF 18 MAY 1971 AND 1673 E (LII) OF 2 JUNE 1972,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DELIBERATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AT ITS THIRD SESSION AS WELL AS THE REPORT OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL

OF SPECIALISTS (E/ C.7/31) CONTAINING A PRECISE DRAFT AGENDA FOR A UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE AND THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY- GENERAL (E/ C.7/39) WITH FURTHER DETAILS ON ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS, ALSO PREPARED PURSUANT TO COUNCIL RESOLUTION 16 73 E (LII),

APPRECIATING THE INVITATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA TO HOLD THE PROPOSED UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE IN BUENOS AIRES,

1. APPROVES THE HOLDING OF A UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE BASED ON THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA SUGGESTED BY THE INTER- GOVERNMENTAL PANEL OF SPECIALISTS;

2. AGREES THAT THE DATE FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE SHOULD BE IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1977;

3. ACCEPTS GRATEFULLY THE OFFER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA TO HOST THE WATER CONFERENCE IN BUENOS AIRES, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2609 (XXIV) OF 16 DECEMBER 1969;

4. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY- GENERAL:

(A) TO TAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATORY STEPS FOR THE UNITED

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NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF MEMBER STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTIMATED COSTS OF THE CONFERENCE;

(B) TO EXPLORE, IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS AND AS PART OF THE PREPARATORY PROCESS, THE POSSIBILITY OF CONVENING REGIONAL CONFERENCES OR SEMINARS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS AND TO REPORT ON THE MATTER TO THE FIFTY- FIFTH SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL;

(C) TO ESTABLISH CLOSE LIAISON BETWEEN THE HEADQUARTERS SEC- RETARIAT AND THE UNITED NATIONS REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS, UNESOB, THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND IAEA WITH A VIEW TO CO- ORDINATING THE INPUTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM AND AVOID OVERLAPPING AND DUPLICATION.
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GROUNDWATER EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AT ITS THIRD SESSION ESPECIALLY ON GROUNDWATER EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS ENERGY TECHNOLOGY AND MINERAL CONCEPTS,

1. TAKES NOTE OF THE DOCUMENT (E/ C.7/34) PREPARED BY THE SECRETARY- GENERAL ON GROUNDWATER EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT;

2. RECOMMENDS THAT THE UNITED NATIONS, THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES CONCERNED ENHANCE THE QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THEIR ASSISTANCE TO GROUNDWATER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT, IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRIORITIES OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED, NOT ONLY THE TECHNICAL POSSIBILITIES FOR GROUNDWATER SUPPLIES, BUT ALSO THE GROUNDWATER BALANCE AND WATER QUALITY PROBLEMS;

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY- GENERAL TO KEEP UNDER REVIEW COSTS OF GROUNDWATER DEVELOPMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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INTERNATIONAL RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT

THE ECONIMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE RELEVANT DELIBERATIONS OF THE COMITTEE

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ON NATURAL RESOURCES AT ITS THIRD SESSION ON THE QUESTION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT,

1. TAKES NOTE OF THE PRELIMINARY NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-
GENERAL (E/ C.7/35) ON THE TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS
OF INTERNATIONAL RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT AND OF
THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WITH REGARD
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TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN;

2. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY- GENERAL TO PREPARE A REVISED
AND MORE COMPREHENSIVE VERSION OF THE NOTE AS WELL AS A
PROGRESS REPORT ON RELATED ACTIVITIES FOR THE NEXT SESSION
OF THE COMMITTEE.
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THE ECOSOC,
TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE RELEVANT VIEWS OF THE COMMITEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES AT ITS THRID SESSION,
BEARING IN MIND THE LINKAGES BETWEEN RATIONAL MANEGEMENT
OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS AND THE NEED FOR
THE FULLEST USE OF EXISTING UNITED NATIONS MACHINERY AS WELL

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AS FOR CLARIFICATION OF ROLES,

1. DECIDES TO FORWARD TO THE FIRST SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME, FOR ITS INFO, THE REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES ON ITS SECOND AND THIRD SESSIONS (E/5097 AND E/5247);

2. FURTHER DECIDES TO EXAMINE AND DEFINE AT ITS FIFTY- SEVENTH SESSION THE RELATIVE ROLE OF AND CO- OPERATION BETWEEN THE COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME.
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SESSIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

THE ECOSOC,

RECALLING ITS RES 1535 (XLIX) OF 27 JULY 1970, 1572 (L) OF 18 MAY 1971 AND 1673 (LII) OF 2 JUNE 1972,

HAVING CONSIDERED THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES ON ITS THIRD SESSION IN ITS VARIOUS ASPECTS,

GRATEFUL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR THE EXCELLENT FACILITIES MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE THIRD SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE HELD AT NEW DELHI,

APPRECIATING THE FURTHER PROGRESS MADE IN THE COMMITTEE' S WORK AT ITS THIRD SESSION,

1. TAKES NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES ON ITS THIRD SESSION;

2. AGREES THAT, SUBJECT TO DETERMINATION OF SPECIFIC DATE AND VENUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES, THE FOURTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE BE CONVENED IN 1975;

3. REQUESTS THE SEC- GEN TO PREPARE, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BUREAU OF THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, A DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE FOURTH SESSION AND TO CIRCULATE IT BY THE END OF 1973 TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FOR COMMENTS, AND THEN TO CIRCULATE A PROVISIONAL AGENDA IN THE EARLY PART OF 1974.
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